

DO PSYCHOSOCIAL RISKS AT WORK CONTRIBUTE TO MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS?

Speakers' biographies

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Malgorzata Milczarek has been working as a Project Manager at the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work since 2006. Her academic background is psychology and before joining EU-OSHA, she worked as a researcher in the Central Institute for Labour Protection - National Research Institute (Poland). She is currently involved in projects on mental health and psychosocial risks at work, prevention of musculoskeletal disorders and supporting OSH compliance.

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Richard is a professional Chartered Ergonomist working at the Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) in Edinburgh, where he has worked for over 40 years. His work over that period has encompassed both MSD risks and psychosocial risks. His work in these areas spans both research and consultancy – the research serving to keep his knowledge up to date and helping to ensure that the advice and guidance he gives to his industrial clients is in line with current best practice and policies on the prevention of both MSD and psychosocial risks

Sem Vandekerckhove - KU Leuven, Belgium

Sem Vandekerckhove is a senior researcher at the HIVA Research Institute for Work and Society of the University of Leuven. His research deals with social dialogue and quality of work, focussing specifically on the effects of collective bargaining. He has been involved in the 7th FP Walqing project on job quality and the H2020 InGrid project on inclusion and job sustainability, co-authored Eurofound reports on job quality and wage evolutions, participated in and managed the CAWIE projects on collectively agreed wages in Europe, and acted as a national expert in multiple EC Mutual Learning Program peer reviews on inequalities and wage setting. Current research topics are minimum wage policies, the gender pay gap, job quality indicators, and occupational safety and health.

Yves Roquelaure - University of Angers, France

Yves Roquelaure is professor of occupational medicine and health at the University of Angers, and Director of the INSERM team "Epidemiology in Occupational Health and Ergonomics" (ESTER, UMR 1085, IRSET). He is senior researcher specialized in ergonomics and epidemiology of work-related musculoskeletal disorders. He has developed a multidimensional approach of MSDs associating basic science, biomechanics, occupational medicine, ergonomics, epidemiology and public health. He conducted several epidemiological studies on musculoskeletal disorders and intervention studies to prevent MSDs and written more than 300 international or national publications (h-index 29).

Irene Kloimüller - Wertarbeit, Austria

Irene Kloimüller (M.D., MBA) is medical doctor, psychotherapist, coach and health care manager. She is an expert for Occupational Health and “return-to-work”. She has been working in the field of occupational health, health promotion and work ability since 1995. She was in charge of several Austrian national programmes (e.g. fit2work) and developed survey and intervention instruments for work ability. She also developed a seal of quality (NESTOR GOLD) for age-adjusted organisations on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs.

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